

AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An additive system for direct addition to a poly(vinyl chloride) - containing matrix resins consisting essentially of:

- a. 95 to 30 weight percent of a liquid component, wherein said liquid component comprises water; and
- b. 5 to 70 weight percent of a solid component, wherein said solid component comprises a poly(vinyl chloride) processing aid and an impact modifier for the poly(vinyl chloride) - containing matrix resin, and wherein said impact modifier is a multi-stage copolymer which comprises:
 - i) 90 to 95 at least 70 weight percent of a polymerized core comprising, as polymerized units, a C₂ to C₁₂ alkyl acrylate, and
 - ii) at least 1 weight percent of a polymerized shell comprising, as polymerized units, a C₁ to C₄ alkyl methacrylate.

2. (Original) The additive system of claim 1 wherein the system is in the form of an aqueous emulsion.

3. (Original) The additive system of claim 1 wherein the system is in the form of a coagulated slurry or wetcake.

Claims 4-18: (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) The additive system of claim 41 wherein the processing aid is a lubricating processing aid.

20. (Currently Amended) The additive system of claim 14 wherein the processing aid is a single stage or multi-stage polymer.

Claims 21-22: (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) The additive system of claim 14 further comprising at least one compound selected from the group consisting of: a plasticizers, a UV stabilizer, a lubricant, a wax, a pigment, a toner, a rheology modifer, a flame retardant, a thermal stabilizer, an antioxidant, a filler, a mold release agent, and hollow spheres.